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HEALTH FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of healthcare facilities in far flung rural areas in the country;

(b) whether Para-medical staff and doctors show reluctance in working in such areas due to lack of housing facilities in community health-centres;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to the States for construction of houses to ensure the presence of medical staff in such centres; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) : Primary health care services in rural areas are provided through a network of a three tier infrastructure system based on the following population norms:

Centre	Population Norms	
	Plain Area	Hilly/Tribal Area
Sub Centre[SC]	3000	5000
Primary Health Centre[PHC]	20000	30000
Community Health Centre[CHC]	80000	120000

As on March, 2007 there are a total of 145272 Sub-centres, 22370 PHCs and 4045 CHCs functioning in the country.

(b) & (c) : CHCs are situated at Sub District level, serving for a population of 80,000 to 120,000. Residential facilities for the doctors and other staff are available in some hospital premises.

(d) & (e) : Yes, Sir. Under National Rural Health Mission[NRHM], funds are released to States/ UTs Governments for upgradation/strengthening/establishment of new Centres including construction of residential building for doctors and other staff. The States/UTs Governments are however required to incorporate their requirement in their annual NRHM Programme Implementation Plans[PIP].